SANCTIONS AND ACTIONS AFFECTING LICENSURE (FY 2021)

FOURNIER, James Joseph – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on August 14, 2020, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, failing to abide by the scope of representation, failing to adequately communicate with his client, failing to maintain candor to the tribunal, knowingly failing to respond to Bar Counsel, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent failed to comply with applicable discovery rules and as a result his client's expert witness was precluded from testifying at trial. In addition, the Respondent's statements regarding discovery disputes were not credible.

FRANK, David Elliott – Disbarred on August 26, 2020, for failing to represent his client competently, failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account, knowingly failing to respond to Bar Counsel, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent commingled personal and client funds in his attorney trust account, used the funds in his attorney trust account for personal and familial financial obligations, failed to disburse his client's settlement funds in a timely manner, and misused his client's settlement funds.

GILLELAN, II, Joshua Thomas – Commission Reprimand on July 21, 2020, for failing to comply with the mandatory annual Pro Bono and IOLTA reporting requirements and failing to pay his mandatory annual assessment to the Client Protection Fund of Maryland for a number of years.

GOLESORKHI, Reza – Commission Reprimand on July 21, 2020, for failing to recognize a conflict of interest. In a business transaction, Respondent represented both the buyer and seller, whose interests were adverse, and failed to obtain informed consent from either party to waive the conflict and proceed with the joint representation.

JAMES, Jelani Dale – Commission Reprimand on July 27, 2020, for making cash withdrawals from his attorney trust account.

MURRAY, Charles Alex – Indefinite Suspension on August 24, 2020, with the right to petition for reinstatement only following reinstatement in Florida and the District of Columbia, in a reciprocal action from the Supreme Court of Florida for making a false statement to a tribunal and failing to correct his false statement previously made to the tribunal. Respondent signed a client's name to a post-conviction motion verification and perjury acknowledgement and thereafter failed to take corrective action to notify the tribunal concerning the falsified client signature.

YI, John Xander – Disbarred on August 21, 2020, for failing to represent his client competently and diligently, failing to abide by the scope of representation, failing to adequately communicate with his client, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to reasonably communicate his fees to his client, failing to take steps to protect his client's interest upon termination of his representation, failing to maintain accurate records concerning his firm's trust account, failing to promptly deliver to his client funds to which his client was entitled, knowingly making false statements of material fact, engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. As a relatively new attorney without

significant criminal law experience, Respondent agreed to represent an immigrant charged with serious drug offenses that could have resulted in imprisonment and affected her immigration status, failed to communicate adequately with his client, failed to diligently analyze the discovery provided by the prosecution and prepare adequately the defense of the charges, mishandled his client's fee payment, mismanaged his firm's attorney trust account, and made misrepresentations and otherwise failed to adequately respond to Bar Counsel's requests for information.